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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF DEC. 24, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL STATED PERSONNEL OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ALGIERS ARE AUTHORIZED TRAVEL WITHIN TRIANGULAR AREA EAST OF ALGIERS TO TUNISIAN BORDER AND SOUTHEAST TO BISKRA AND EL-OUED. AGENCE TOURISTIQUE ALGERIENNE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORM US TOURISTS MAY TRAVEL AS FAR SOUTH AS GHARDAIA AND OUARGLA BUT THAT THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO POLICE SCRUTINY FURTHER SOUTH AND POSSIBLY TURNED BACK. ATA HAS CANCELLED ALL TOURIST EXCURSIONS TO TAMANRASSET AND BECHAR. AMCONSUL ORAN REPORTS TOURISTS COMING FROM MOROCCO AND TRANSITING ALGERIA VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS. HE HAS BEEN TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE USING PRIVATELY OWNED MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION ARE SUBJECT TO ESPECIALLY CLOSE POLICE CHECKS.

2. LOCAL SENSITIVITY TO PRESENCE OF FOREIGNERS HIGHLIGHTED BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WHICH CONTINUE TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION INVOLVING FOREIGNERS DETAINED FOR TAKING PICTURES OF SITES WHICH THEY WERE LATER TOLD WERE PARTLY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. ONE TOURIST RECENTLY HELD AND QUESTIONED FOR CARRYING BINOCULARS.

3. AMERICANS IN ALGERIA SHOULD EXERCISE GOOD DEAL OF CAUTION AND AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY AROUSE SUSPICION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD INFORM TRAVELERS TO ALGERIA OF ABOVE.

DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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